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General

'Sexual harassment at workplace another expression of power game of patriarchal society'

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BHOPAL: Sexual harassment at workplace is another expression of power game that persists in society, where persons in powerful position take advantage of those in comparatively underprivileged positions.

It is this point that usually prevents the harassed persons not to raise their voices or give in to pressures even after lodging a complaint. These points were highlighted at an interaction session with media on the 'status of implementation of sexual harassment of women at workplace Act, 2013'.

The interaction was organized by NGO Sangini with Partners for Law in Development (PLD) with support of UN Women on Monday.

Nandini Rao and Rachana Sharma discussed the details of the Act and also held discussions on the perceptions of media persons about the Act, especially in context of Madhya Pradesh.

The resource persons mentioned though there are no statistics yet available in India about prevalence of sexual harassment at workplace, it is obvious from examples that only few are reported or taken to conclusion.

It is therefore necessary that proper awareness was created at workplaces about the nuances and provisions of the Act. This is because it is about gender equality, equal treatment to all employees, women's rights and justice.

Some of the interesting highlights of the Act are that it is applicable only to women as 'victims' and men as 'perpetrators' and is also applicable to 'third party' perpetrators meaning if the harasser is anyone even outside regular workplace of the woman but connected to the work of women.

Prarthana Mishra of Sangini mentioned about the district level complaint committees functioning in Madhya Pradesh.

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Quick Bits

Carbine used to fire at jeweller was robbed from UP MLA's gunman



CHHINDWARA: The carbine that was used to fire at a jeweller and later others in Chhindwara in MP, belonged to a UP legislator's gunman and had been looted. This has been revealed during the course of investigation. The jeweller has survived and the shooter has been arrested. However, it was found that he had got it from the gunman of a UP MLA, sometime ago.

The incident had occurred in Chhindwara. An armed man carrying the submachine gun stormed into jeweller's showroom, shot him in the stomach. When others came, he fired in the air. He tried to run away but because motorcycle couldn't start, he failed to escape and was overpowered by the crowd.

The injured jeweller is undergoing treatment. The goon was carrying a machine gun, carbine. The accused, Sandeep Kumar, had fired thrice. He had entered Durga Shree jewellers, carrying the carbine. asking jeweller to hand over ornaments.

When the jeweller refused Sandeep Kumar began firing, one of the bullets hit the victim, Sohan Tamrakar, 32, in the stomach. The goon ran out and kicked the bike but after multiple attempts bike didn't start and people with lathis attacked him.

He was caught and handed to police, later. Now, he is being quizzed and a team is arriving from UP to ask about the procurement of the looted carbine. Investigation is on in the case. [January 18, 2023 NewsBits.in]

Teacher gets life term for raping 10-year-old girl

BHOPAL: A teacher who had raped a 10 year old girl, has been sentenced to jail for